



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2871

Application No.: 10/732,817

Examiner: Z. QI

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For: RETARDATION ELEMENT, DISPLAY ELEMENT COMPRISING THE SAME, AND  
PROCESS OF PRODUCING RETARDATION ELEMENT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the June 14, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects  
Group II, claims 12-19, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all of the claims are  
sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims  
would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is  
respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made  
without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and  
examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must  
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions"  
(emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present  
application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative  
examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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